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SUBJECT: ROK PURCHASE OF RIOT CONTROL EQUIPMENT

REF: (A) JUSMAG-K 020752Z MAY 74; (B) STATE 108500

1. JUSMAG/K RECORDS INDICATE THAT FY 74 REQUEST FOR CS GRENADES, CAPSULES AND CHEMICAL AGENTS FOR TRAINING IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH REQUESTS IN PAST YEARS. ROKA WAS GIVEN 11,667 AND 11,269 CS GRENADES IN FY 71 AND 72 AND FAILED TO RECEIVE GRENADES IN FY 73 ONLY BECAUSE MONEY NOT AVAILABLE. 6,460 CS GRENADES REQUESTED FOR FY 74 DOES NOT SEEM EXCESSIVE IN VIEW THESE PAST QUANTITIES. WHILE 640 AND 488 POUNDS OF CHEMICAL AGENTS WERE DELIVERED TO ROKA IN FY 71 AND FY 72 JUST OVER 2,000 POUNDS WERE DELIVERED IN FY 73 AND THIS LATTER FIGURE IS SIMILAR TO THIS YEAR'S REQUEST. REQUEST FOR 284 CS CAPSULES THIS YEAR IS WELL BELOW 1,236 AND 360 CAPSULES DELIVERED TO ROKA IN FY 72 AND FY 73 RESPECTIVELY.

2. JUSMAG CONFIRMS THAT PAST DELIVERIES WERE USED FOR TRAINING AND THAT AMOUNTS IN FACT ARE QUITDSSMALL FOR THE PURPOSES GIVEN SIZE OF ROKA TRAINING NEEDS.

3. WE CANNOT OF COURSE GUARANTEE THAT THESE RIOT CONTROL AGENTS WOULD NOT BE USED IN THE EVENT OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL DISTURBANCES. HOWEVER, TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE INTENDED PURPOSE IS AS STATED.
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